

Role and Responsibilities of the Illinois Military Interstate Children Compact Commission (MIC3) Commissioner

Illinois Educational Opportunities for Military Children Council

Illinois is one of the 43 states that have joined the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3). Each State is represented at the annual Compact meeting by a Commissioner. The Compact has defined its primary goal as:

The goal of the compact is to replace the widely varying policies affecting transitioning military students. The compact leverages consistency: It uses a comprehensive approach that provides a consistent policy in every school district and in every state that chooses to join. The compact addresses key educational transition issues encountered by military families including enrollment, placement, attendance, eligibility and graduation. Children of active duty members of the uniformed services, National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders, and members or veterans who are medically discharged or retired for one year are eligible for assistance under the compact.

The Illinois P-20 Council is charged by the General Assembly with appointing the State Commissioner to the MIC3 Compact who acts as the chair of the Illinois Educational Opportunities for Military Children Council. The position is voluntary and the Council meets quarterly. The primary responsibilities of the Commissioner include:

- Acting as a liaison between the Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) and the Illinois Educational Opportunities for Military Children Council (Council)*
 - Share agenda for annual Commission meeting with Council prior to the meeting and elicit input from the Council on action items within the context of the Illinois law
 - Attend the annual Commission meeting to represent Illinois and the Council including participation in formal votes and in working groups or committees of the Commission
 - Report on discussion and action items from Commission Committee meetings at following Council meeting
 - Respond to requests, communication, and surveys from the national Compact office
- Facilitating dialogue between stakeholders around issues pertaining to educational opportunities for students of military families
- Helping to develop and foster State policies and practices that meet the goal of the Compact
- Disseminating materials and informing local education agencies about the Compact and Council
- Developing a working relationship with other State Compact Commissioners, school liaison officers, and MIC3 staff
- Encouraging cross-system coordination to ease and enhance student transitions
- Chairing Council meetings and advising on meeting agendas
- Providing updates to the Illinois P-20 Council regarding status of the Council's work as necessary

* The Illinois Educational Opportunities for Military Children Council includes representatives from the military bases in Illinois; three school superintendents from districts with the largest military population;

the P-20 council; the State Board of Education; the Department of Veterans Affairs; and the Office of the Governor and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

Nominations Process

Please submit any nominations/self-nominations to amber.kirchhoff@illinois.gov by Friday, August 24, 2012 with a resume for the candidate as well as a statement of interest enclosed.

More information on the IL Education Opportunities for Military Children Council can be found at <http://www2.illinois.gov/gov/P20/Pages/EOMCC.aspx>

Additional guidance on the role of State Councils and the role of the state Commissioner is available at <http://www2qa.illinois.gov/gov/P20/Documents/Military%20Compact/State%20Council%20and%20Commissioner%20Manual%20FY12.pdf>

Appointment Process

- 1) P-20 Council & IL Educational Opportunities for Military Children's Council solicit nominations/self-nominations for the position of IL Educational Opportunities for Military Children's Council (IEOMCC) Commissioner through distribution of document outlining roles and responsibilities of the Commissioner as well as the nomination process and required documentation.
- 2) Nominations/self-nominations including a letter of interest and a resume are accepted from the Council, IEOMCC, and the general public.
- 3) Selection Committee reviews nominations and supporting documentation and recommends finalists to P-20 Council, IEOMCC & P-20 Council Chair.
- 4) With the endorsement of the P-20 Council and IEOMCC, the P-20 Chair designates the Commissioner.